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IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION BOARD PROJECTS

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET RECENTLY WITH ALHAJI M.LIMAN, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, MINISTRY OF OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURLA RESOURCES IN A FOLLOW-UP TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN WHICGTHE COMMISSIONER HAD EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO ATTRACT AMERICAN AGRIBUSINESS TO NIGERIA (REFTEL A).

2. MR. LIMAN CONFIRMED THAT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WAS UNDER PRESSURE TO PRODUCE MORE FOOD DURING THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPENT PLAN. BOTH CHRONIC FOOD SHORTAGES AND THE INFLATION COUSED IN PART BY THE NEED TO IMPORT EXPENSIVE FOOD STUFFS POINTED OUT THE NEED TO REORGANIZE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, INCREASE PRODUCTION AND TO DO IT QUICKLY. TO ENSURE SUCCESS, FOREIGN PARTICIPATION WAS ESSENTIAL AND WELCOME.

3. THE DIRECTOR'S MAIN INTEREST FOCUSED ON TWO NEWLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, THE NATIONAL GRAIN PRODUCTION BOARD AND THE NATIONAL ROOT PRODUCTION BOARD, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRIBUTING TO NIGERIA FOOD RESERVE PROGRAM. THE NATIONAL GRAIN BOARD WILL EMPGASIZE BOTH THE PRODUCTION AND THE STORAGE OF CORN, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEAT, RICE,AND SORGHUM. CURRENT PLANS ON THE PRODUCTION

SIDE CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE LARGE-SCALE
PILOT MECHANIZED FARMS IN NIGERIA'S MIDDLE BELT.

4. THE ROOT CROP PRODUCTION BOARD IS INTERESTED IN THE
LARGE-SCALE PRODUCTION OF CASSAVA AT THREE SITES IN MID
WESTERN AND KWARA STATES. THE BOARDS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED
BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO SPECIFICALLY SEEK
FOREIGN PARTICIPATION AND INVESTMENT IN THESE PROJECTS.
HOWEVER IF THIS FOREIGN INVESTMENT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING
NIGERIA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE CONTRACTORS.

5. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT MR. MOHAMMED AKALI, GENERAL
MANAGER, NATIONAL GRAIN PRODUCTION BOARD, P.M.B. 2182,
18/19 AHMADU BELLO WAY, KADUNA, NIGERIA, AND MR. NESLON
NWOSU, GENERAL MANAGER, NATIONAL ROOT PRODUCTION BOARD,
ENUGU, EAST CENTRAL STATE, NIGERIA. LETTERS OF INQUIRY
SHOULD INCLUDE LITERATURE OF THE U.S. FIRM AND DESCRIBE
THEIR RECENT EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD.

6. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR NATIONAL EMERGENCIES SUCH AS
DROUGHT AND FOR PRICE STABILIZATION, A FEDERAL GRAIN RESERVE
SCHEME (OF 250,000 METRIC TONS BY 1979) WILL BE ESTABLISHED
UNDER NATIONAL GRAIN PRODUCTION BOARD CONTROL. THIS
GRAIN RESERVE PROGRAM IS NOW UNDER STUDY BY A GROUP AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, AND THEIR REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE IN EARLY MARCH. WE
HAVE ARRANGED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. LIMAN AT
THAT TIME ON HOW AMERICAN AGRIBUSINESS MIGHT PARTICIPATE
IN THE BUILDING OF STORAGE FACILITIES, ETC.

7. THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN RELAYED TO THE LOCAL
REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO FIRMS THAT ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN
AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS HERE, TIFFANY INDUSTRIES, COLUMBUS,
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